

RMC Health Care Committee Meeting
June 7, 2016
Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis
Minutes

Participants: Tom McLoughlin, Charlotte Davis, John Kornak, Temi Oshiyoye, Roxanne Hale, Justine Springer, Karen Kverno, Jennifer Witten, Meredith Donaho

Guest Speakers: Dr. David Pruitt, Dr. Nicole Gloff, Kelly Coble

The meeting convened at approximately 1:10 pm.

Chairman McLoughlin called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.

I Action on Minutes

The minutes from the May 3, 2016 meeting were presented for review. There being no comments, questions or corrections and upon motion properly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously accepted as distributed.

II Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) Presentation

Dr. Pruitt introduced his colleagues who provided an overview of current resources available to meet the needs of rural children and adolescents in need of treatment for mental health. In their presentations, Dr. Gloff, and Ms. Coble advised that the program is a telehealth service accessible by telephone or video conferencing to support the efforts of primary care providers in assessing and managing the mental health needs of their patients from infancy through the transition to young adulthood. It is a consulting service for primary care physicians consisting of four main components including phone consultation, continuing education, resource & referral networking, and social work co-location. Its consultants connect primary care providers with appropriate resources in the community or provide general education on topics such as trauma and adverse experiences, substance abuse, developmental delays, behavioral and learning difficulties. It was also mentioned that BHIPP is a collaboration effort among the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Salisbury University.

After their presentations and following a question and answer session, Dr. Gloff and Ms. Coble were thanked and excused from the balance of the meeting.

III RMPIF – Rural Health Care Organizations

A copy of the guidelines and overview portion for rural health care organizations for RMPIF was distributed to the Committee. Charlotte Davis asked for the Committee to review and provide their suggestions and feedback. No suggestions or changes were provided.

IV Other Updates

The Chair reported that the letters to the rural primary care physicians reviewed by the Committee at its last meeting will be sent within the next two weeks. Staff has acquired a database of names and is currently preparing the mailings. The letters will encourage increased utilization of the Healthy Kids/EPSTD program as well as provide information on the Committee's short term objectives related to adolescent depression. Additionally, similar letters will be sent to rural School Superintendents plus the Chairs of the Local Health Improvement Councils for their information and input.

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The Chair also called attention to activities at the Federal level that referenced a topic previously discussed briefly as a potential long range topic. In an article, copy of which was previously distributed, it mentioned that the Senate was discussing the use of technology enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve HHS programs. The proposed legislation being discussed is entitled “Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act (ECHO Act)” and sponsored by Senators Hatch and Schatz. It might be appropriate for the Committee to monitor that legislative process before considering any long-term commitment at this time.

V Adjourn There being no further business to be brought to the Committee's attention, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 1pm-3pm, Location: Maryland Department of Agriculture, Conference Room 110.